

fine meeting in connection with Home Missions.

**Homer:** Rev. William A. Rolle, of Winfield, La., has accepted a hearty and unanimous call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Homer, La., and will commence in his new field on October 1.

**New Orleans:** The devastating storm of last week struck the churches in all parts of the city, but did no very serious damage except to the Felicity Street Methodist Church. Among those which suffered more or less were Rayne Memorial Methodist, Christ Church, Episcopal, First Baptist, Third Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Gretna, and Berean. The injuries to our churches will not amount to more than fifty to one hundred dollars in each case, so far as reported.

#### MISSISSIPPI.

**Pass Christian:** The Presbyterian Church at this place was wrecked by the tropical storm which swept over the Gulf Coast and pushed inland last week.

**Hamilton Church:** On the first Sunday in September protracted services began in the Hamilton Church, near Aberdeen, and continued for six days. The pastor, Rev. F. W. Lewis, was assisted by Rev. J. W. Allen, of Booneville. Mr. Allen preached the gospel most earnestly and effectively, and was untiring in his efforts to accomplish good. The membership of the Church was greatly revived and strengthened, and four members were added; two by profession and two from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There were several other professions and these parties will doubtless later on unite with this, or some other church. Mr. Allen greatly endeared himself to the people and we shall be glad to have him with us again.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

**Sabbath Convention:** The Fourth State Sabbath Convention of North Carolina will be held in Central M. E. church, South, Asheville, Nov. 9-10, 1909.

**W. H. McMaster, Field Secretary.**

**Graham:** Rev. E. C. Murray, D. D., is spending his vacation on Edisto Island, S. C., and will return Oct. 16. At the communion service held Sept. 19, thirteen members were reported as having joined this church since the last communion; 7 on profession (6 baptized), 2 Presbyterians on certificate, and 4 from other churches. Five others have written for their letters.

**Candidates for the Ministry:** It is gratifying to note the report that six candidates for the ministry were taken under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery of the North Carolina Synod at its stated meeting last week. This makes twelve candidates received by this Presbytery since its last regular meeting, which was held in May. The Presbytery has now on its roll twenty-nine candidates, which puts it in the lead in the Southern church, excepting Concord Presbytery, which reported twenty-nine to the last Assembly. The Synod of North Carolina leads the other Synods, a hurried inspection

of the minutes show, having 105 in all. The Virginia Synod reports 62, and the Texas Synod, 50. The reaction toward the ministry is a source of gratitude. The increasing number of young men in our church turning into the ministry is in keeping with the awakening religious life and activity seen in all our borders. It is an interesting fact that Mecklenburg and Concord Presbyteries, in which Davidson College is located, are leaders in the number of candidates.—Presbyterian Standard.

#### OKLAHOMA.

**Manitou:** Rev. A. O. Browne, M. D., closed an eight days' union meeting at Snyder, Okla., Sunday night, September 19. There is no Southern Presbyterian work there but some of the Southern Presbyterians called attention of the ministers of the town to the work Dr. Browne was doing in Manitou, and the Northern Presbyterian minister visited the services in Manitou and prevailed on Dr. Browne to give his week of rest to them. The result was twenty-two conversions, several additions to the churches and the strengthening of our church that will result in substantial Southern Presbyterian work there within the next year. This is a strategical point for us and our work in this section of Oklahoma will be greatly strengthened when we are established there.

**J. M. Kelly.**

**Erick:** Our church has enjoyed a most pleasant and profitable visit from the Rev. S. L. McCarty, of Thomasville, Ga., his visit lasting five days, during which time he conducted services (we have no pastor at present) each day, morning and evening. As a result we had five additions to the church on profession of faith, all of them being young, active people from whom we expect much help and encouragement in our work. Besides this our membership has been closer united in Christian fellowship, and not only our own fold, but those of other churches who were fortunate enough to attend these services express a great appreciation of what they saw and heard. We believe that every one who heard him very sincerely regretted that his work at home necessitated such an early departure from us, for it was five delightful days for the Master's cause. Brother McCarty visited our place with a view to seeing exact conditions in this Western field, his church being a strong supporter of the work out this way, and we are sure he could but see the need of the dissemination of the real gospel truths in their force and simplicity, as discovered by the "forefathers" of the old blood-bought church. At present we are without a pastor, as this point is directly under the control and supervision of the Assembly's Home Mission Board. They have seen fit to take Bro. C. E. Robertson to the new church at Lawton, Okla. Together with the Committee we are seeking a supply, and hope some one interested in the extension of Presbyterianism in this frontier section may address Dr. S. L. Morris, of Atlanta, or Rev. W. T. Mat-

thews, of Durant, Okla., who is superintendent of this field, to the end that we may soon have a supply. We are also in need of farmers and professional men of all classes, and especially those of the Presbyterian persuasion to locate with us. We have abundant opportunity in all lines for success. We have a very fine healthful rich country that is being fast peopled with a rather cosmopolitan population, most States of the Union being represented. The undersigned would be pleased to answer all inquiries as to church, people or country.

**O. H. Ward, Clk. Ch. Session.**

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Chester:** The Presbytery of Bethel made provision for the organization of a second church in this flourishing city. The new church will begin with a membership of about thirty-five.

**Greenville:** The relation of the Rev. Lowry Davis and the Second Church has been dissolved by Enoree Presbytery, with a view to Mr. Davis' going to the foreign missionary field in China.

**Gaffney:** The Presbytery of Enoree has appointed Dr. Robert Adams and the Rev. Don M. Richardson a committee to install the Rev. Francis W. Gregg as pastor of the Limestone Presbyterian church at Gaffney. While the date of the installation has not been fixed, it is probable that it will take place about the first Sunday in next month. The congregation of Limestone church is delighted with Mr. Gregg, and everything points to a most successful ministry under his charge. Great improvement has been noted in the attendance upon all services, especially that of the Sunday school, and Mr. Gregg, who makes a specialty of this branch of the service feels much encouraged with the outlook.

**Timmons ville:** This church is still in a healthy and happy state. We are gradually growing in grace and membership, and our reports to Presbytery are encouraging. Our efficient and consecrated deacon, W. H. Keith, has recently had the interior of the building beautified with paint and electric lights. The congregation is liberal in giving of their substance to the support of the gospel; about half hold family worship, and the Sabbath is observed; we let our Sunday mail remain in the office until Monday.

**Fair Hope Church:** On September 19, this church was dedicated to the worship of God by Rev. T. B. Trenholm, of Olanta, S. C., who also preached at night in the Presbyterian church at Lamar. Both of these churches are new buildings. The former is an old organization with new building; the latter is comparatively a new organization, representing the labors of the late Rev. H. M. Brearley. Both of the sermons preached were much enjoyed by the congregations, and our hearts made glad that we could worship God in buildings both free from debt and the stigma of modern bazaars.

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